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WILL GRADUATE AT CITY AUDITORIUM

High School Pupils Plan Interesting Final Exercises—Eggleston to Speak.

Class days for the session 1908-1909 in the Richmond public schools end to-day, and to-morrow the final examinations will begin. In all but the graduating class, under the present system, promotions are according to daily averages, but such as fall during the session will have a chance to recover themselves in taking examinations.

For the first time in many years the final exercises of the Richmond High School will be held in a building owned by the city, the School Board having decided at a recent meeting to use the City Auditorium, since it was remodeled chiefly for use on such occasions. The seating capacity of the Auditorium is 1,500, and it is thought to accommodate all who desire to attend the finals.

Joseph D. Eggleston, Jr., State Superintendent of Public Instruction, will deliver the annual address before the High School graduates on the night of June 15. The routine program, which is chiefly by pupils of the undergraduate classes, has not been entirely completed. The High School choir of several hundred voices will take part in the exercises, which have never before been undertaken, are being arranged.

SAYS STANDARD OIL DEPLETES FORESTS

Fairfax Christian Compiles Interesting Statistics on Devastation of Timber Lands.

As a result of diligent inquiry, Fairfax Christian, of this city, a well known accountant and statistician, has arrived at the conclusion that the Standard Oil Company is one of the great causes of the rapid depletion of the nation's forests.

Mr. Christian's calculations are that it requires 32,000,000 feet of lumber annually to supply the Standard Oil Company with "shooks," for which its annual outlay is \$5,000,000.

It requires six and one-half feet of rough lumber to make a shook. A shook is the dressed lumber from which boxes are made. These boxes are one foot wide, one foot deep and two feet long, the ends one inch thick, the sides, top and bottom one-half inch thick. Three or four shooks when dressed, cans of oil are shipped in these boxes.

The various refining plants of the Standard Oil Company require in all thirty-two cars of shooks per day. Each car contains on an average of 5,000 shooks.

For each shook the Standard Oil Company pays from 1.2 to 1.5 cents, or an average of 1.1-1.4 cents; therefore reckoning the working days of the year at 300, to supply the demand it would require \$500 cars containing 5,000 shooks each, or 45,000,000 shooks, and as each shook requires six and one-half feet of lumber to make it, it will be seen that 32,000,000 feet of lumber are required to produce the 45,000,000 shooks. As the Standard Oil Company pays an average of 1.1-1.4 cents for each shook, it will also be seen that the annual outlay for shooks by it is \$5,000,000.

In this connection, however, it is pointed out that many individuals and corporations are charged with the depletion of the forests of Virginia, and that the Standard Oil Company for shooks.

All offices in the Federal building were closed yesterday on account of Washington's Independence Day. Judge Waddill was in his office for a few minutes in the early morning, but left later for Asheville, N. C., where he will sit as an associate judge of the Circuit Court of Appeals, which opens to-day. The usual holiday hours were observed in the post-office.

GAMBLING JOINT AT CITY HOME

Orderly Used Room in Colored Hospital for Crap Game.

Alexander Sidney, an orderly at the Colored City Hospital, charged with using his room as a crap joint and allowing sixteen negroes to come there to engage in the pastime, was fined \$10 and costs in Police Court yesterday morning, and the sixteen gamblers, who were caught in the room were fined \$5 apiece and placed under \$100 security each for ten days.

Sidney had been running his room as a gambling joint, it was alleged, for two years, but had never before been caught.

Alexander Bertucci, charged with assaulting Thomas Davis, was fined \$5 and costs.

The case against Slater Brooks and Skeo Marshall, white, charged with trespassing on the property of W. M. Batten, from whose garage an automobile was taken out and left in the country late Saturday night, was continued to June 2.

James Daniel, colored, charged with stealing \$5 worth of cigars from the City Home, was sentenced to sixty days in jail.

James Daniel, colored, charged with selling intoxicating liquors on Sunday, was continued to Friday morning. He was bailed in the sum of \$500.

Mrs. Harrison Improves.

The condition of Mrs. Virginia Harrison of Church Hill, who was operated on at St. Luke's Hospital last Saturday, was somewhat improved yesterday. The operation was entirely successful.

Marijuana Licenses.

Four marijuana licenses were issued yesterday by Deputy Clerk Breaux of the Hustings Court, to the following couples: Edward J. Burke and Katherine M. Sullivan; Boyce L. Layne and Nerva D. Wilkison; Ernest Johnson and Zehle Andrews; and to Edward M. Argonbright and Mary Louise Farley.

LAST OF GAMBLERS PAY THE PENALTY

Mullen and Canapa Spend One Day in Jail and Pay \$100 Each.

W. G. Mullen and Joseph Canapa, charged with running gambling games at the race meet held recently at the State Fair Grounds, followed the lead of the others when brought up for trial before Magistrate Thomas P. Lorus yesterday at noon. Both pleaded guilty, and each was fined \$100 and sentenced to one day in the county jail. They were released last night at 12 o'clock. Mullen and Canapa were brought here last week from Baltimore, where they went soon after the raid was made by the county and city officers.

Unless additional information as to the whereabouts of Frank Grimaldi, alleged to have been the leading spirit in the bookmaking, is received soon, and this is not probable—these will be the last to pay the penalty for the last of the race-track. The price has been raised still, but without exception they took it in good part and made the best of a bad bargain.

West End Club to Meet.

The West End Social and Democratic Club will meet at the corner of Washington and Cary streets to-morrow night. All the candidates for municipal positions in the coming primary are invited to be present and make addresses.

Pearl and Are Sold.

Colonel John W. Richardson, Registrar of the Land Office, has sold to Charles Deacon, of Fulton Hill, the pair of pearls presented to him for the Capitol Square office building. The pearls were of the finest quality and were valued at \$10,000. The pearls were sold for \$1,000.

BARTON HEIGHTS COMES TO RESCUE

Carries Election for Increased School Levy in Brookland District.

VARINA APPARENTLY LOST

One Precinct Heavy Against Raise, With Meagre Reports from Others.

With the voters showing even less interest than they have in other elections recently, the proposition for raising the school levy in Brookland District, Henrico county, went through yesterday by the narrow majority of twenty-two votes, the entire vote of the district being 170. In Varina, only one of the three precincts, Carter's, could be heard from last night. That polled 11 votes for the increase and 58 against it. Reports received before the closing of the polls indicated that the measure was defeated as heavily at Town Hall and Whitlock's in proportion to the vote cast. The election was for the purpose of deciding whether the levy should be raised in Brookland from 15 cents to 18 cents on \$100 of assessed property to 25 cents, and in Varina from 15 cents to 25 cents.

The vote was as follows:

Precinct	For	Against
Brookland District	22	58
Brunn	11	17
Jones	11	17
Barton Heights	67	2
Hungary	13	42
Total	98	74

Varina District:

Precinct	For	Against
Carter's	11	58

It will be seen that but for the great majority given in favor of the increase at Barton Heights the result in Brookland and District would have been the same as is believed to have been the case in the lower district. This result is evidently because the citizens of Barton Heights, having experienced the advantages of a modern school building, realize that the money that can be raised for this purpose is well spent. The additional levy will enable the people of this district to maintain their schools in the way that was first planned and to give the children the advantages of a well equipped school building. As it was, it would have been necessary to close the schools a month earlier.

Though Varina is in need of the two consolidated school buildings that the levy was to have built, it will now have to wait at least another year before an attempt can be made to erect them. Almost every school in the district was badly crowded during the past session, but with the small amount of money now in the hands of the bondholders it will not be possible to better conditions.

PLAN REGISTER FOR DEMOCRATS

City Committee Said to Be Paying Way for Adoption of Tammany Hall Idea.

FOR PARTY REGISTRATION

Independent Element Announces Opposition to Scheme for Enforcing Loyalty.

An interesting story has just come to light concerning the probable reason for the action of the City Democratic Committee in making such a mild pledge as will be engraved upon the ticket to be voted in the coming municipal primary. It is to the effect that the committee proceeded deliberately when it formulated an apparently meaningless pledge for the present campaign. It is said on good authority that the whole purpose was to inaugurate an entirely new scheme for pledging the voters in future elections. As the proposition is understood at present, the City Committee wishes to adopt the Tammany Hall plan, which provides for a party registration in which the voters must appear at the time of registration to what party they belong. Of course, the local Democratic Committee has no authority to enforce such a rule, but it is understood to be the purpose of the committee to ask the next General Assembly to pass an act which will require a general party registration for the city of Richmond.

May Not Be Popular.

This proposition, though it has not been unfolded to the general public, has been adopted in many of the cities of the country which are considered close, yet it may not prove popular in Richmond, where an independent spirit pervades the ranks of both the old parties, and where men do not take kindly to the idea of a party committee undertaking to say what they should do about affairs which they think they have the right to determine for themselves. The Tammany Hall idea, however necessary it may be to New York City, is not at all popular in Richmond, and voters who might not object to a stringent pledge at the bottom of a municipal ticket, have said that they do not see the necessity of such a registration as is proposed. Many of them, it is believed, will reply, for they are saying that this is a Northern method of interfering with a man's personal affairs, and that the Old Virginia idea is still good enough. The City Committee has taken no official action with reference to the proposition, but the matter has been widely discussed, both in and out of the committee.

MUSIC FESTIVAL HAS BRILLIANT OPENING

Rendering of "Rose Maiden" by Augmented Chorus of Wednesday Club, With Pittsburgh Festival Orchestra.

Most Pleasing—Madame Maconda Sings To-Night.

If there were those who doubted Mr. Radcliffe's judgment in opening the Midsummer Music Festival with Cowen's cantata, "The Rose Maiden," their doubts must have been dispelled by the splendid success of the concert last night at the City Auditorium.

The audience was not as large as the program deserved, but the large number present, while they did not fill the immense Auditorium, made up, in their enthusiastic appreciation, for the vacant seats and were well repaid for foregoing the excursions and distractions of a national holiday.

The advance sale of seats for the other concerts gives proof that the house will be filled and that the people will thus show in a practical way their appreciation of Mr. Radcliffe's public spirit and the Wednesday Club's hearty co-operation, and also their interest in the organ fund, to which both have made such a generous contribution.

We have now a great Auditorium, which, though by no means ornate, is yet, in size, in acoustic properties, in comfort and in accessibility, all that could be desired; we have in the Wednesday Club, from their splendid and most effective work. When one recalls that the "Rose Maiden" was absolutely new to every member of the chorus just three weeks ago, and that they have had only five rehearsals, some of which were devoted to difficult work consumed much of their time, their achievement is the more remarkable. In attack, precision, balance and finish—indeed, in all that constitutes good choral singing—they could not have been excelled. Their work in the "Rose Maiden" was worthy of all praise, and our city has reason to be proud of the Wednesday Club and its augmented chorus.

Again on Wednesday night they will be heard in Cowen's incomparable "Galla," with the great Jonell, and in the well-known "March" from "Tannhauser," with which the program that night will close.

Morgan a Great Leader.

Tail End Morgan, the famous New York conductor, is the magician whose wand has wrought such wonders. No one who saw him last night could doubt what is said of him—that no chorus can stand before him and fail to sing with his best, for his energy, enthusiasm and magnetism are compelling and irresistible.

Mr. Morgan will rehearse the chorus at 3:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, to give the finishing touches to "Galla," in "Tannhauser" march.

To-night the great Maconda will sing. She is a favorite in Richmond, as she is wherever she has sung. People call her a coloratura singer, but she is more than that, for her voice is rich and full and satisfying, and she is an artist of rare accomplishments and ever-increasing reputation. The house will doubtless be filled.

A. B. G.

HENRICO SCHOOLS MODELS FOR SOUTH

County Leads Whole Country in Manual Training Work in Colored Department.

OPEN COOKING CLASSES

Exhibit of Work in Office of Superintendent Maddox Is Widely Commended.

With a most creditable exhibit, now being shown in the office of Superintendent W. A. Maddox, the colored schools of Henrico county have closed their most successful session. Far ahead of other things accomplished during the year is the progress made in manual training which was inaugurated at the beginning of last session more as an experiment than anything else. Under the guidance of Virginia Randolph, one of the oldest and most experienced teachers on the colored corps, the strides in this respect have been little short of wonderful. The exhibit contains innumerable articles of different kinds. Everything from carpentry up to delicate needlework is included, the result of careful training and conscientious effort.

Cooking Schools Established.

The exhibit by no means gives an idea of the entire scope of the work, for in addition to this school grounds have been beautified, sanitary conditions improved and other things done which tend to elevate the negro's scale of living and make him a useful citizen in such positions as he is best adapted to. Special attention has been paid to the cooking schools, one of which has been established in connection with each of the district buildings. In her report Virginia Randolph enumerates what has been done in every colored school in the county. In each case the interest taken is shown by the fact that every school, by its efforts, has raised the money to install the manual training department, and has now a balance to its credit. Superintendent Maddox has arranged for an expert to examine the exhibit and will give prizes to the schools making the best showing.

In addition to the small appropriation of the school authorities, the county received \$40 per month from the James fund, a part of the Peabody foundation, for this purpose. Special instruction was given in each of the twenty-three colored schools of the county once a month. Half the year was spent at every school instructing scholars and inspecting the methods of the teachers.

It is the only county in the South in which the colored people have taken so great an interest in manual training. The work has been so successful that it has received recognition from the officials in charge of the James fund. Dr. J. H. Dillard, secretary of the foundation, is sending in all his letters to the county superintendents throughout the country printed notices calling their attention to the work that is being done in this county.

FATHER SUES FOR SON'S DEATH

Boy Killed by Fall from Rotten Telephone Pole.

Trial of the suit of John M. Collins, administrator of John Wade Collins, against the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, and the city of Richmond, was begun yesterday in the City Circuit Court. As the day was a holiday, no evidence was heard, and a continuance was ordered until to-day at 10:30 o'clock.

Collins claims \$10,000 damages because of the death of his son, who was killed by a falling telephone pole. The boy climbed the pole, and was about eight feet from the ground, when it broke and fell across his body. Death was almost instantaneous. The telephone company is charged with allowing the pole to remain in a bad condition, and the city with not having the danger removed from a public street.

Charles V. Meredith and D. M. White represent the plaintiff, and Eggleston and Eggleston are counsel for the telephone company. City Attorney Pollard represents the city's interests. The trial will probably last for several days. It was rumored yesterday that a compromise of \$2,500 had been refused.

HONOR FEDERAL DEAD

Graves in Seven Pines National Cemetery Decorated With Flowers.

Decorations were held yesterday at the National Cemetery near Seven Pines, the scene of one of the fiercest battles of the war. The graves of the Federal dead were decorated with flowers. The exercises were opened at 11 o'clock by the singing of "America," every one present joining in the national hymn. This was followed by prayer.

One of the main features of the program was the reading of Lincoln's Gettysburg address, by K. K. Ladd, an attorney at the National Cemetery. The address was followed by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne." The address of the day was delivered by Rev. R. H. Anderson, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist Church. His remarks of the benediction ended the program. All the graves of the Federal dead were decorated.

CHURCHMEN TAKE PART IN POLITICS

Manchester Brotherhood Calls on Candidates for Expression on Liquor Laws.

Under a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Laymen's Brotherhood of Manchester at its meeting Tuesday night, the two candidates for the Legislature from that district have been asked to forward letters to the brotherhood, giving their views on the liquor question, which will be read before the organization at a meeting to be held to-night in Stockton Street Baptist Church. According to one of the officers of the brotherhood, the letters have already been sent, and D. L. Toney, a candidate from this city, last night acknowledged having received the request.

While Mr. Toney did not make the contents of the letter public, it is known that it requested him and Mr. Harrison the opposing candidate each to write a letter to be read before the brotherhood, expressing their views on the present liquor laws and on the liquor legislation contemplated by the Anti-Saloon League in the near future.

Mr. Toney was somewhat surprised, saying that he had no intention of receiving such a request, and that he was hardly able to answer before going over carefully the contemplated legislative program announced by the league.

It is also stated that a notice was given in one of the Manchester churches Sunday to the effect that the candidates would be called on for a direct expression of the views on the subject.

DIPLOMAS GIVEN GIRL GRADUATES

Flowers and White Dresses Bank Academy Stage at Woman's College Commencement.

Cheered by a crowd of friends that filled the Academy of Music from top to bottom last night, the twenty-six graduates of the Woman's College received their diplomas, and the session of 1908-09 came formally to an end. The class was one of the largest ever graduated by the college, and showed, besides more talent than any previous class, a high average of scholarship. It was especially true of the students in the vocal and instrumental music departments. Rev. R. W. Forsyth delivered the annual address. After the presentation of the diplomas by Profring A. M. Martin, he spoke briefly, bidding farewell to the girls that would not return next year, and exhorting them to exhibit the same spirit in after life as they had shown while students at the college.

Flowers and Ribbons.

At 8:30 o'clock, the time scheduled for the exercises to open, the crowd began to come in, and by the time the graduates, in their caps and gowns, filed on the stage, nearly all the seats were filled. As they took their places, the applause was so loud that the stage had been decorated with palms. The chairs were arranged in two semicircles, one extending from wing to wing, in which were seated the full graduates, wearing the caps and gowns, and in front of them, the graduates in special branches, wearing white evening dresses. When the first diploma was taken from the table in front the entire number rose and remained standing until the last girl had received hers. During the delivery of the diplomas the applause was continual.

Before the session was declared to be at an end and the crowd dispersed, a huge pile of flowers that had lain behind the scenes was brought on to the stage and handed bunch by bunch to the graduates, the crowd cheering as the names were called for the second time during the evening.

Flats of Graduates.

The list of graduates follows:

Bachelors of arts—Mary Lydia Corwell, Helen Augusta Hamerley, Eva Round Savare, Jessie Lee Ham, Elizabeth Gayle Jeter, Ruth Meyer Taylor, Maude Howlett Woodfin.

Bachelors of science—Lou Emma Lee Carter and Sophie Galeski.

Bachelors of letters—Flora Geneva Brown, Elsie Josephine Flippin, Inez Virginia Goddin, Edith Brown Kountz, Sadie Belle McGowan, Cornelia Carrington Scott, Estelle Pritchette.

Bachelors of letters—Virginia Belle Gayle, Euzella Hendrick, Lillian Martin, Elizabeth Rankin Montgomery, Sarah Radd Smoot, Edith Vaughan.

Bachelors of music—Mary Baxter Cone, Avis Bascom Northington, Edith Vaughan, Adriana May Kuyk, Jean Perkins, Maud Howlett Woodfin.

The baccalaureate sermon was preached Sunday night in the Second Baptist Church by the Rev. J. V. Lynch, D. D., of Durham, N. C., to a large audience.

REVOLVER AND GUN COVER BURGLAR

Richard Hall, Colored, Arrested in Brook Avenue Store Last Night.

Covered with a shotgun in the hands of an employee, who stood in front of him, and with a revolver in the hands of a police officer, who was directly behind, Richard Hall, colored, was arrested early last night in the store of the Niles Can Manufacturing Company, 603 Brook Avenue, and immediately taken to the Second District Station.

When Hall saw that he was surrounded, he went to a rear window of the building, and started to climb out. As he put a foot over the ledge he heard the stentorian voice of a policeman telling him that he would be filed so full of lead that he would not be able to move, and he climbed back. As he neared the front door, he heard another voice talking from behind a double-barreled shotgun. So he stood pat, and the officer and employee of the Can Company, who had entered the building, and who had walked up to him, and placed on him the heavy hands of the law.

It seems that Hall jumped on top of a board fence built in the rear of the building, and was seen to climb back into the building. The officer was near at the time, showing that policemen are sometimes on hand when crimes are committed—and he followed the burglar. The employee then rounded to the front of the building, and the intruder was cornered. After he got into the Second Police Station he pretended to be drunk. But he carried the game too far. He was, according to the police, too drunk to be as sober as he was.

BUSY DAY IN COUNCIL

Many Committees Scheduled to Meet This Afternoon and To-Night.

Because yesterday was a holiday and all the committees of the City Council are scheduled for a busy time this afternoon and to-night. Probably the most important meeting will be that of the Committee on Water at 5 o'clock. Other meetings at this hour will be of the Committee on Light, Street Cleaning and Printing at 5:30 o'clock the Markets Committee meets.

The Committee on Form of Government is scheduled for 5 o'clock, and at 5:30 o'clock there will be a special session of the Committee on Streets. Interest is centered in the hearing on the bill to amend the City Charter, which was introduced by the Committee on Electricity, when those invited to bid on the proposed municipal electric light and power plant will argue for or against the award recently made by the committee.

Summary of Operations of the Building Inspector's Office

FROM JANUARY 1 TO MAY 31, 1909.			
Total number of permits issued in May for new work.....	46		
Total number of permits issued in May for alterations and repairs.....	44		
Total number of permits issued in May.....	90		
Estimated cost of new improvements in May.....	\$174,638.00		
Estimated cost of alterations and repairs in May.....	25,004.00		
Total cost of work authorized in May.....	\$201,227.00		
Average value of permit for new work in May.....	\$3,794.13		
Average value of permit for alterations and repairs in May.....	608.08		
Average value of total permits issued in May.....	2,395.85		
NEW STRUCTURES, 1909.			
No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
Brick dwellings.....	23 \$87,861	153 \$804,808	
Frame dwellings.....	30 25,150	144 107,880	
Stores.....	13 25,290	49 115,055	
Sheds.....	6 874	35 4,074	
Warehouses and manuf- factories.....	1 4,000	5 50,000	
Churches.....	1 700	13 23,155	
Brick stables.....	3 5,588	15 125,000	
Armory and market.....	1 10,000	1 10,000	
Office building.....	1 8,000	1 8,000	
Bank buildings.....	1 8,000	1 8,000	
Lodge halls.....	1 8,000	1 8,000	
Observatories.....	1 18,000	1 18,000	
Engine houses.....	1 6,500	1 6,500	
	\$174,638	\$1,202,388	
Total amount of new work from January 1 to date.....		\$1,202,388.00	
Total amount of repair work from January 1 to date.....		108,831.00	
Total amount of all work authorized to date.....		\$1,311,219.00	
Total number of examinations and reports.....			
Decrease in new work in May, 1909, as compared with May, 1908, is \$43,517; increase in alterations and repairs in May, 1909, as compared with May, 1908, is \$5,033, making a total decrease of all work authorized in May, 1909, as compared with May, 1908, of \$38,484.			

